

# Tattersall's NEWS



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## Great swims by Maui team

*The club's swimming team met magnificent success during their visit to Hawaii, taking second place (by a mere 30 seconds) in the nine mile ocean relay event and a series of second places in the Waikiki Beach swim.*

*In this article, NORMAN ROGERS, who accompanied the swimmers as a sort of general factotum and managed to lose everything from his swimming trunks to his passport along the way, reports on the trip and the individual achievements.*

Thirty-one Tattersall's people toddled off again this year for our seventh trip to the Hawaiian Islands for the 14km Maui Channel Relay Swim and the 4km Waikiki Beach Swim from Diamond Head to Hawaiian Village.

This year we had three teams with 20 male swimmers.

Training began in January with a laid down minimum of 20km per week for all. There were no drop outs, only additions.

All competitors must be over 25 and we swim by invitation in the relay event, which conforms to US Masters criteria. Women swim in both events and the beach swim is open to all ages.

The Channel Swim is in an international waterway and is the home of breeding whales. It is a tidal stream and almost unpredictable. Each team swims six men for 30 minutes each and then each man swims again for 10 minutes until the race is completed.

Each man experiences different currents, winds and swells. Some will be

ill; others will lose direction, hit the boat, scream at the time counter but will enjoy in some strange macabre way every minute of it.

What a great trip it was!

The Texas (Dallas) Lone Star Club relegated us to second place in the Channel Swim. Last year's winners, the Olympic Club of San Francisco was third.

Jim Montgomery, a 1976 Olympian with three Golds, a school mate of Neil Rogers with whom he teamed and won a USA National 4 X 100, is the lead man and head coach.

He has nine associate coaches, nine Olympic pools and 600 senior swimmers in his Dallas complex.

We gave them a Tattersall's flag and they returned their Lone Star Flag which will hang with pride in the Sportsman's Room at Tattersall's.

Without support such trips are not possible and it was due to the enthusiasm, generosity, dedication and courage of Stuart and Katie McAllum that the trip proceeded.

Peter Joseph, Tony King, Ray Fleming, Norm Hodgson, Terry Jackman and others all helped out generously. Peter and Tony are Maui men over several years. Continental Airlines (Ken Glover) with Morrison Hong, got most of us over and back.

The top side we entered in the Relay ran second against 80 teams and the Number 2 team swam 1 hour faster than previously. How proud was John Murray putting his arm on the Black Rock at Lahaina.

The Number 3 team was a great support from January to September.

Thanks, chaps, we know you enjoyed it.

The Beach Swim is an event to behold. Some 1,500 starters from Diamond Head swim out to sea, then down Waikiki Beach and turn into the Hawaiian Village. It is held every US Labor Day and competitors come from around the world.

Max Metzker as usual, was great. He swam absolutely magnificently and he was a little unlucky to again finish second for the second year. He won the event previously.

John De Mestre's efforts for two second places were memorable. He is a pint size with an appetite to delight any restaurateur, and what a great competitor.

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## Dates For Your Diary

### Snooker Presentation Dinner.

October 12, Club Room. Details and bookings through Joanne Lee at the Office.

**Melbourne Cup Luncheon**, for members, ladies and friends, Club Room, Tuesday, November 3. For details and bookings, see Joanne at the Office.

**Epicureans Dinner and Wine Tasting**, November 6. The Chef's special four course dinner and club member Murray Tyrrell's wines. Cost is \$35.00 per head. Bookings through Joanne at the Office up to one week before the function.

**Olympic Games Fund Raising Luncheon**. For members and friends on Friday, November 20; compere will be Norman May; with raffles etc. Cost \$25. Bookings through Joanne at the Office.

**Les Miserables**. Visit to this show at the Theatre Royal, on December 3. It will be preceded by dinner at the club and cost with parking is expected to be \$55.00. Fully booked.

**Les Miserables**. A further Epicurean Club visit to this show, on January 21, 1988. Fully booked, but ask about cancellations.

**Harbour cruise to Maritime Museum**. Planned for February, 1988 but actual date to be announced; Limit 50 people, book early through Joanne Lee at the Office.

**Epicurean events for 1988**. See this newsletter.



## Special lunches coming



The Club has two great luncheon functions coming up which should attract all our sports enthusiast members.

On Melbourne Cup Day, members are invited to bring friends, wives and family to the Melbourne Cup Luncheon, which will feature a large screen video monitor on which to watch the race.

Details and bookings can be obtained from Joanne Lee in the office.

On November 20, the club will be doing its bit to raise funds for the

Australian Olympic Team with a fund raising luncheon in the Room.

Norman May will be the compere at this event, and there will be raffles and other fund raising activities during the luncheon.

Many club members will remember a similar lunch last year for the Commonwealth Games team, and no doubt everyone involved will be out to beat the amount of money that was raised for that event.



# Membership drive going well

The Club drive for new members continues to prove a great success, with each month producing about four times as many new members, on average, as the same month last year.

In the past month the following new members have been welcomed to Tattersall's Club:

**Brian John Adams**, Branch Manager, Jennings Construction Ltd;

**Matthew George Andronicus**, Accountancy student;

**Robert James Victor Baker**, Manager, Waterfront Construction;

**Robert Geoffrey Barbera**, Investment adviser, Deemreach Pty Ltd;

**Peter Frederick Barnes**, Banker, Barclays Bank Aust. Ltd;

**John Bryan Bond**, Company Director, Bond Corporation Holdings Ltd;

**Michael Graham Carr**, Marketing Manager, Sitmar Cruises;

**William Considine Conley**, Solicitor, Dawson, Waldron;

**James Robert Dupree**, Solicitor, Dupree and Assocs;

**William Tasman Fallshaw**, Director of Private Investor;

**David Mark Ford**, General Manager, J. McCarthy & Co. Pty Ltd;

**Matthew Joseph Ford**, Supplier to J. McCarthy & Co. Pty Ltd;

**Kevin John Fox**, Chartered accountant, Arthur Andersen & Co;

**Wassim Gazal**, Manager, Gazal Corporation Ltd;

**Robert John Goaley**, Manager, Manchester Unity IOOF;

**Baden John Green**, Accountant, Baden J. Green Services Pty Ltd;

**Bryan Hector Heron**, Company Director, B. H. Heron Ltd;

**Ian Arthur Higgins**, Director of World Wildlife Fund Australia;

**Stephen John Humphreys**, Sales Manager, TNT Express;

**Thomas Robert Kelso**, Lawyer/Company Director, Kelso and Battista;

**Damyon Walton Lill**, Law clerk, P. V. McCulloch and Buggy;

**Bruce McDonald**, Consulting geophysicist and investment analyst;

**Michael Alexander McDonald**, Business Manager, Safeguard Business Systems;

**Lloyd Ernest O'Harte**, Merchant Banker, Bank of Tokyo Aust. Ltd;

**Noel Vincent O'Malley**, Administrative Assistant, Mayne Nickless Computer Services;

**Graeme Francis Pettigrew**, General Manager, Wormald International Pty Ltd;

**James Anthony Tonkin**, Director, Tonkin Media Pty Ltd;

**Maxwell John Pride**, Accountant, John Fairfax & Sons Ltd;

**Simon Julian Tuxen**, Solicitor, Mallesons Stephen Jaques;

**Timothy Robert Wiles**, Student;

**Mark Joseph Wilson**, Studmaster, Evergreen Lodge;

**Paul Francis Wootton**, Secretary, The Sydney Club;

**Cedric de Chui Young**, Director, Lindblad Marco Polo Travel Pty Ltd.

This encouraging increase in new members is clearly an on-going thing since there are at least as many new members waiting for their applications to go before the committee now as there are in the list of new members above.

What all club members have to do at this stage, including new ones, is to make sure they get full value out of their membership — by using the club.

All the facilities of Tattersall's are available, whether they're used or not, but if the club is to continue to really thrive, then it depends on members using the club, rather than just dropping in for lunch and a drink every few months.

One area of Tattersall's where use has picked up significantly in recent weeks is the restaurant, which now has a new style of menu which is changed every month.

The Dining room now features fixed prices for entrees and main courses and a sophisticated menu, which is proving that it better meets members' needs.

In another part of this newsletter, for the benefit of new members, some of the club's activities are listed — and how to participate in them.

## Epicureans plan 1988 programme

Our "Night at the Trocadero" on September 5 was one of the best, most enjoyable evenings we have arranged.

One hundred and forty-five people literally danced the night away. The Bill McGuinness Big Band played all the big band favourites; Tuxedo Junction, Moonlight Serenade, In the Mood and all the original scores.

Every time the music started all the tables were empty. Everybody was on the dance floor.

Many people made the request that the club hold such a night at least once every two months.

Anne Colley and the staff in the office were in the swing of things and decorated the club room beautifully to recapture the Trocadero atmosphere.

Hundreds of helium filled balloons were of course pressed against the ceiling with long streamers of brightly coloured tape reaching to one metre above head height of the dancers. Definitely a "Must" for our calendar in 1988.

Our last events for 1987 are fast approaching.

On **November 6** in co-operation with our chef, Tyrrell's Wines have planned a true Epicureans delight. Don't miss this.

The meal and wines would cost you \$75 a head in a good restaurant and it is available at Tattersall's at \$40.00.

We already have a good response. So invite your friends and make a reservation once more; you won't regret it.

### A REMINDER

Many of the events we organise for your pleasure require long term commitment by the club. This means paying a booking fee in advance. So we have decided to accept cancellations no later than three weeks before such events unless the person wishing to cancel has experienced a grave personal problem.

As events are notified we will state the latest cancellation date.

### OUR BICENTENARY

Three other club members have volunteered to help with this programme, so you now have a committee of four, each one a representative of a different age group within the club.

Michael Roth is in his 20s, Gregory Lovekin in the early 40s, Bas Phillips is in his 50s and Victor Vadas is in the early 60s. This way we feel all the

members' interests will be served.

Victor Vadas, a former Chief Epicurean, has been nominated and democratically press ganged into the position once again, taking over from me for 1988. Here is an idea of what we have in store for you next year.

### JANUARY:

The theatre party to Les Miserables is sold out.

### FEBRUARY:

International Beer Connoisseurs — beer tasting and savoury feast.

"Know Your Associated International Clubs" exhibition and cocktail party.

### MARCH:

A day on the harbour departing Circular Quay No 6 Jetty to cruise West. This trip includes a seafood lunch and wines while cruising the western harbour, a visit to the James Craig restoration project and a conducted tour of the Maritime Museum.

On Wednesday, March 30, fellow member Murray Tyrrell will present a wine tasting in conjunction with an "Epicurean Meal". Numbers will be limited to a maximum 240 so make your reservation now.

### APRIL:

A Scandinavian Feast — the Danes, Swedes and Norwegians have some of the most delightful ideas with food — their schnapps-beer treatment of fish is





Champion jockey and now an owner, George Moore, left, with his wife Iris, receives congratulations from Club Chairman David Dransfield on his horse Ostensible's win in the Tattersall's Plate.

## Club Race Day

Once again the annual Tattersall's Club September Race Meeting turned out to be a great success and was held in wonderful weather.

Not even the minor rugby league final at South Sydney detracted from the spectator crowd and Tote takings for the day were \$400,000 up on the 1986 figure.

The traditional Tattersall's luncheons for members and ladies were held with

past Club Chairman, Tony McSweeney and his wife Mollie the guests of honour.

Once again, the races were supported by sponsors and the Tattersall's Plate, a major race of the day, was won by Ron Quinton on Ostensible, riding for that great former champion jockey, George Moore and his wife, who were present to receive trophies from Club Chairman, David Dransfield.



Mrs Ann Dransfield, wife of the Club Chairman, facing the camera, chaired the ladies' lunch at the September Race Meeting. From the left are Mrs B. Nagel, Mrs P. Hunt, Mrs B. Upcroft, Miss F. Dransfield, and on Mrs Dransfield's left, Mrs J. Kuebper, Mrs R. Walsh and Mrs A. Hickey.



There's 100 years of Tattersall's membership in this picture at the members luncheon at the September Race Meeting. On the left is Jim Whyte, 22 years membership, with Tom Lancey (40 years) and Tony Murphy (38 years).

## Snooker Notes

Presentation night on October 12 will climax our most successful Snooker Tournament.

By the time this edition is printed, the final will be decided, so congratulations to the eventual winner and runner up.

Surprise eliminations were myself, Bill Henneberry and Lee Bluett, all of us sharing favouritism.

Harold Cruickshank must be congratulated on firstly disposing of me and then Lee Bluett in consecutive matches. Phil Hase is playing magnificent snooker. Peter Dind has played well, also Barry Cooper.

The Billiards Handicap is also nearing completion and my congratulations to the winner of that.

The second largest snooker singles on our calendar is the Jack Chown Christmas Tournament. We have 64 competitors and should complete this popular contest before Christmas.

John Hawkins has won the Heiron and Smith Trophy for the best competition break, congratulations to Captain Barry Cooper and his players.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Presentation night.

— Doug Jordan

## Golf Notes

The weather was fine, the track good and there were 53 starters at Manly in the run-down to our Championships scheduled for November 27 at Royal Sydney.

One further venue is to be confirmed at the end of October and members will be notified in due course.

Winner on the day was dual snooker and billiards champion John Hudson on 39 points from Bill Burge, Brian McElvogue and Kevin Simmonds on 38.

Brian and visitor Ken Arons took out the 4 ball with 47 points from Brian Townend and Alan Dunstan on 45 and Ken Partridge and John Hudson on the same score.

## BOWLING PROGRAMME

Thurs. Oct. 8, Social and matches, City;  
Thurs. Oct. 15, 1st & 2nd rds Pairs Ch. All day at Double Bay;  
Thurs. Oct. 22, Social and matches, Double Bay;  
Thurs. Oct. 29, Match v City at City;

## Tattersall's accommodation

Limited accommodation will be available at Tattersall's Club during the Bicentennial Year.

Interested members are advised to contact the Secretary well in advance to secure their preferred booking dates.



## Maui swim From Page 1

Jack MacMahon's effort to keep the senior team in the relay and to finish second in his age group in the Beach race was the shining example of what senior swimming is all about. He did us proud.

The sportsmanship of James Tuite and Dennis Wilson and their attitude to eight months training and their competitive nature was in keeping with all our traditions.

The Video of the Swims shows James in full flight and could be a best seller. See Katrinia Anderson for video censorship details and queue up. She is receptive to monetary gestures!

Tony Anderson, with his beautiful smooth stroking, was a sight for old eyes. He rode shot-gun for Jack MacMahon in the Beach Swim and he is a fine example of what a team is all about. I know we can't turn back the clock, but I wonder how good Tony would have been if ever he had been coached.

Robert Farrell's efforts from barrier to box were sensational. This was his first tour and what a shame he waited so long. I am sure he will repeat many times.

Neil Rogers, a tried and proven campaigner over many years at top levels of international swimming, gave his all, including bumping into the mother craft on several occasions with little damage to the vessel. Neil's swim in the Beach event was a bottler.

Mike Gillis is probably the most relaxed top line swimmer I have seen since Murray Rose. Here I see untapped ability. Mike had a chest complaint which took 10 minutes to clear in the relay but the only fellow who knew was Mike.

John Murray, Tony King, Peter Purcell and John Forsyth, came and saw and conquered. Tony had a lot of trouble acquiring a suitable craft and ended up with a 60-foot yacht which was allowed to carry only six, so all the ladies who wanted to sail with them were transferred to the big boat. We did not mind at all.

Peter is a triathlon exponent and he is as fit a man as I have seen. Tony King's Beach swim was his best ever. John Forsyth arrived late and left early. John is generally a marathon runner but leg troubles and the old love (the water) brought him back to us. John Murray was, as usual, dedicated to the task.

John Barrell and Andrew Torok, I quite honestly believed, would not make the grade. Both in January would tire in an 80 yards dash. But eight months later, they were both in open sea, surf and rip for up to two hours at a time, in a strange country and enjoying every minute of it. There is an example for all.

David Robinson was sensational. I have not seen such improvement in a senior swimmer for many years. I would like to see David organise, with the rest of his team, an age group relay. John Barrell was too young this year to make us eligible. This group swimming is big

in the rest of the world. Masters Swimming — we will have to look at it in the near future.

Tom Nolan gets the courage award of the tour. What a powerful chap! An 800 metres runner of years gone, he thought that if you breathed every four strokes that was just fine. He found it much easier when he learned to divide by four for long swimming.

Tom was seasick three times in the Channel and the wisdom of John Greaves returning him to the depths on each occasion was a dubious medical diagnosis, but nevertheless successful.

What a great man to have around in any side is John Greaves; a man aware of what has to be done and does it. He was an inspiration to all of us.

Here we were, 20 grown men with ages from 25 to 60 (rising), from a 20 yard pool in Sydney, swimming against men of the same ages from all over the world in a foreign country. Max and Neil were the only internationals. Mike, James and John are surfers and water polo players — Tony and Robert are social swimmers and Dennis had never swum in open water previously. They Did Good!

The baggage men were Max Sernack, Frank Hurley, Brian Page and Yours Truly. Ken Morgan has agreed to sponsor videos and we will have a get together for all Maui people, past, present and future. Look for the date and time in the Newsletter. Probably the Entertainment Centre will be required.

To those from the club who supported us in spirit and otherwise, we say "Thank You." We received a well-wish message from David Dransfield.

**Alan Ball** writes:

Back home things are a bit quiet in the pool. The off-season 100 yards handicaps on Thursdays are attracting about four heats and John Nicholas is leading the points score.

The 1987 — 88 swimming season started on September 22.

## Handball

Bill Blakemore has finally been eliminated from the club snooker tournament and has gone back into training for his Top Grade semi-final match against Bob Hill. The winner is to play Tony Baine in the final.

Both these matches are at the best of three games, 21 up. The three players are normally very evenly matched and Digger Lobb would be scratching to find a favourite. However I would say Tony and Bob at 5 — 4 and Bill at 2 -1 after returning from a long spell.

There is very slow movement in B Grade. Seven are left. Gordon Salier is already in the semis and the other three will come from the winner of Tony Salier v David Robinson, David Castle v Harley Nash and Phillip Biber v Peter Scarf. These matches are at 31 up. Semis and final are best of three.

There's no movement at all in C Grade. This is the last call for Jonathan Ind v John McKillop and John Stubbs v John Furlong to wind up the semis and

the final. All are best of three.

All organised attempts by the undersigned will cease at the end of this month, so get started or 1988 will be on us.!

— Arthur O'Connor

## Epicureans From Page 2

legendary — don't miss it.

A Cabaret and Comedy Night. Wonderful food with "Victoriana" to entertain us.

**MAY:**

A day at Clarke Island with a traditional Greek style barbecue — lamb on the spit -all the Greek delights and salads — demestica - retsina — ouzo.

A theatre party.

**JUNE:**

Presentation of famous Australian artists and some of their portraits. Some will be for sale.

A Masquerade or Masked Ball with Big Band music.

**JULY:**

Olde Englyshe Nyte — traditional fare — mulled wine and ale — English jester.

Hot air ballooning in the Hunter Valley.

**AUGUST:**

A night at the Races — organised race calls and presentation of the history of Tattersall's influence on racing in Australia. Australian food and wines.

Scottish Night — Pipers — haggis — athol brose — sword dancers — kilts — good food and fellowship — Scottish comedian.

**SEPTEMBER:**

Theatre party.

Classic Food and 14th Century Music by our famous mediaeval music makers — dress for the occasion.

**OCTOBER:**

Family entertainment night — bring the children, let them have their first dance at Tattersall's.

Italian food — wines — serenaded by Italian minstrels.

**NOVEMBER:**

Family Picnic Day at The Basin in Pittwater — leave the city early by charter bus — cross Pittwater by ferry to The Basin — The Tattersall's family games — sack races — rounders — swimming — barbecue — return.

"A Night in the Caribbean" with a Genuine South American Band.

**DECEMBER:**

This is the time of goodwill. Let's all go to the Chairman's Christmas Party.

We hope you like the planned programme. Final dates and details will be forwarded with your monthly accounts and newsletter.

As Epicurus, the Greek philosopher said, "Your life is enriched when you share the delights of life with your friends and try to make their enjoyment and welfare your earnest interest."

— Basil Phillips

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